

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image retrieving device for classifying and retrieving an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, the image retrieving device comprising:

an image storing section for storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together with the keyword in a database;

an object acknowledging section for acknowledging a predetermined object in the image which is inputted;

a keyword proposing section for proposing the keyword so as to display on a display, the keyword which relates to the object which is acknowledged by the object acknowledging section; and

an object information inputting section for confirming, adding, and correcting the keyword which is proposed by the keyword proposing section.

2. (Currently Amended) An image retrieving device according to ~~Claim 1~~Claim 1₁ wherein the object acknowledging section ~~comprises~~includes:

a human detection condition inputting section for setting up conditions for determining whether or not the image contains a human;

a face image detecting section for detecting a face image in the image; and

a face image similarity determining section for detecting a face image which is detected by the face image detecting section so as to detect a similar face image stored in the database according to the detected face image.

3. (Original) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 wherein the object information inputting section serves as a personal information inputting section for confirming, adding, and correcting a personal information.

4. (Currently Amended) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 ~~wherein further comprising~~ a skin color area detecting section for detecting a skin color area in the ~~image~~ image, wherein

the skin color area detecting section is used when the human is detected.

5. (Original) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 further comprising a keyword proposing section for proposing the keyword to the image which is inputted last in a case in which the similar face image is not detected by the face image similarity determining section.

6. (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 1 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for adding keywords in an image retrieving device for classifying and retrieving an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, ~~the method comprising the steps for:~~ comprising:

storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together with the keyword in a database;

acknowledging a predetermined object in the image which is inputted;

proposing the keyword so as to display on a display, the keyword which relates to the object which is acknowledged by the object acknowledging section; and

confirming, adding, and correcting the keyword which is proposed by the keyword proposing section.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A computer program for a computer in an image retrieving device for classifying and retrieving an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, comprising commands for:~~ A storage medium having a program stored therein for operating an image retrieving device which classifies and retrieves an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, the storage medium comprising:

storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together with the keyword in a database;

acknowledging a predetermined object in the image which is inputted;

proposing the keyword so as to display on a display, the keyword which relates to the object which is acknowledged by the object acknowledging section; and

confirming, adding, and correcting the keyword which is proposed by the keyword proposing section.

9. (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 2 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

10. (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 3 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

11. (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 4 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

12. (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 5 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

13. (New) A method according to claim 7, wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have a hierarchical structure.

14. (New) A storage medium according to claim 8, wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have a hierarchical structure.